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1. EMBASSY INITIAL IMPRESSION OF PRIME MINISTER LAZAR'S MOSCOW TRIP IS THAT FINAL WORK ON HUNGARIAN 1976-80 FIVE-YEAR PLAN (EXPECTED TO BE CONCLUDED IN MID-NOVEMBER) AND USSR/HUNGARIAN DISCUSSIONS IN MOSCOW ON DETAILS OF EXECUTION OF FIVE-YEAR COOPERATION PROTOCOL (REFS D AND E) PROVIDED EXCELLENT OPPORTUNITY FOR LAZAR TO MAKE HIS FIRST OFFICIAL VISIT TO MOSCOW AS PRIME MINISTER.

2. DEPUTY MINISTER OF FOREIGN TRADE SANDOR UDVARI NOTED IN NEPSZABADSAG ARTICLE OCT 29 THAT EC BEEF BAN AT LEAST PARTIALLY COUNTERED BY SOVIET PURCHASE OF CATTLE AND BEEF FOR CONVERTIBLE CURRENCY. (HUNGARIANS HAVE MADE THIS CLAIM SEVERAL TIMES SINCE NOVEMBER 1974.) YET MAGYARS CONTINUE TO PRESS FOR EASING OF BAN AND ARE DISCUSSING SALE OF MEAT PRODUCTS WITH JAPANESE. THEY HAVE RUN INTO SNAGS, HOWEVER, OVER JAPANESE HEALTH REGULATIONS. WE SUSPECT GOH WOULD PREFER NON-CEMA MARKET AND WILL HAVE MEAT AVAILABLE TO SELL IN EST AND TO JAPAN IF EC BAN AND JAPANESE HEALTH REGULATION DIFFICULTIES CAN BE OVERCOME. RE GOH PREFERENCE FOR NON-CEMA MARKET, WE NOTE THAT UDVARI IN SAME INTERVIEW OBSERVED THAT "EXPLORATION OF ADDITIONAL OUTLETS (FOR BEEF AND CATTLE EXPORTS) WAS SUCCESSFUL, MAINLY IN MIDDLE EAST."

3. ONLY SPECIFICS OF NEW GOH/USSR AGRICULTURAL AGREEMENT AVAILABLE SO FAR MENTION HUNGARIAN EXPORT OF APPLES, GRAPES AND PRESERVED PRODUCTS. HUNGARY HAS NOT TRADITIONALLY EARNED SIGNIFICANT AMOUNTS OF HARD CURRENCY FROM EXPORT OF THESE ITEMS. WHILE FUTURE SUPPLY OF USSR ENERGY IN RETURN FOR MANUFACTURED GOODS WILL DEFINITELY TIE HUNGARY CLOSER TO USSR WITHIN CEMA FRAMEWORK, EMBASSY IS NOT CERTAIN THAT THIS PARTICULAR AGRICULTURAL AGREEMENT WILL CONTRIBUTE SUBSTANTIALLY TO THAT END (REF A).D

4. EMBASSY PLANS TO PURSUE WITH HUNGARIANS AT WORKING CONFIDENTIAL

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LEVEL DETAILS OF AGRICULTURAL AGREEMENT. EMBASSY BELIEVES VISIT TO HUNGARY BY SECRETARY OF AGRICULTURE BUTZ NOV 23-24 WILL PROVIDE EXCELLENT OPPORTUNITY TO RAISE MATTER WITH MAGYARS AT HIGH LEVEL.

5. ACTION REQUESTED: IT WOULD BE USEFUL IF DEPARTMENT AND AGRICULTURE COULD PREPARE BACKGROUND PAPERS AND LINE OF QUESTIONING COVERING NEW AGRICULTURAL AGREEMENT

FOR USE BY SECRETARY BUTZ IN HIS MEETINGS WITH SENIOR
HUNGARIAN OFFICIALS. SUCH PAPERS WOULD AID US IN OUR
EFFORT TO SHED SOME LIGHT ON LIKELY EFFECTS OF THIS
AGREEMENT ON US-HUNGARIAN RELATIONS.
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